

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

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Stated Meeting, May 4.

Present, twelve members.

Judge KANE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The Rev. Dr. E. P. Rogers, a recently elected member, was introduced and took his seat.

Letters were read:—

From the Rev. E. P. Rogers, dated Philadelphia, April 23,—and from Samuel Powel, dated Newport, R. I. April 25, 1855, acknowledging the receipt of notice of their election as members of the Society:—

From the Royal Society of Edinburgh, dated Dec. 12, 1854, returning thanks for Vol. X. Part 3, of the Transactions, and for No. 50 of the Proceedings of this Society: and—

From the Boston Society of Natural History, dated April 12, 1855, returning acknowledgments for sundry Parts of the Transactions and Nos. of the Proceedings, which were wanting to complete the series in their library.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Transactions of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Vol. XXI. Part 1, for the session 1853-4. 4to.

Proceedings of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Vol. III. No. 44. 1853-4. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Report of the Superintendent of the U. S. Coast Survey, showing the progress of the Survey during the year 1853. Washington. 8vo.—*From A. D. Bache, Sup. U. S. C. S.*

Navy Register of the United States, for the year 1855. Washington. 8vo.—*From Major Hartman Bache.*

Telegrafo a correnti dirette successive e derivate contemporane per la doppia simultanea corrispondenza sopra un solo filo comunicante colla terra. Del Professore Zantedeschi.

Telegrafo elettro-magnetico delle stazioni e delle locomotive delle strade ferrate: di Zantedeschi. Padua, 1855. 4to.—*From Prof. Zantedeschi.*

Annual Report of the Geological Survey of the State of Wisconsin. By James G. Percival. Madison, Wis. 1855. 8vo.—*From the Wisconsin Historical Society.*

The Florist and Horticultural Journal. Vol. IV. No. 4. Philadelphia, 1855. 8vo.—*From H. C. Hanson, Editor.*

The Medical News and Library. Vol. XIII. No. 149. May, 1855. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Blanchard & Lea.*

The Astronomical Journal. Vol. IV. No. 11. April 24, 1855. Cambridge. 4to.—*From Dr. B. A. Gould, jr. Editor.*

The Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the City Councils, in relation to a sale or exchange of the Society's Hall, reported progress, and were continued, with exemption from the duty of reporting at every stated meeting.

The Secretary reported that previous to the last meeting he had furnished Prof. Frazer, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society, with a letter of introduction to Societies and individuals in Europe, in correspondence with this Society: but that the subject was inadvertently omitted to be mentioned at the meeting:—whereupon, it was ordered that the following minute be entered as of the last stated meeting:—

“The Society being informed that Prof. John F. Frazer, one of the Vice-Presidents, is about to depart on a visit to Europe, the action of the Secretary in furnishing him with an official letter of introduction to the learned Societies and individuals abroad, who are in correspondence with this Society, is hereby approved and confirmed.”